BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Work Session 6:00 PM
July 7, 2026
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on July 7, 2026, 6:00PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman, Chris Harris, Board Members, Hal Herndon, Randy Davison, Brian Hendrix and Andy Riggins. Also present was Joey Cason, County Manager and Patrick Brooks, County Attorney.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order; Mittie Vaughn gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The County Manager made a recommendation for the board to amend the agenda to add the following items:

14A. Consideration of quotes for electricity in new warehouse building- Rec Dept

14B. Consideration of road contractors for the resurfacing of Central Ave.

Gave clarification that item #11 was for the Road Department and not Rec Department as listed

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional changes. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

1. Shannon Denbow- Data Centers & Suicide Barriers for Sidney Lanier Bridge
   Ms. Denbow discussed fire victims not getting the help they need and asked the board to take into consideration a resolution supporting suicide prevention barriers on the Sidney Lanier Bridge in Glynn County.

2. Nicholas Dunegan- Data Center & Data Center Ordinance
   Mr. Dunegan spoke regarding concerns of lack of pressurized fire hydrants around the County outside of Nahunta. Concerns regarding Data Centers and the possibility of impacts on local habitats and wetlands.

3. James Duncan- Landfill Concerns

Mr. Duncan shared potential solutions regarding the landfill issue and provided input on the review of relevant documents, including land use ordinance requirements and applicable stipulations.

4. Kathy Wainright- Codifications, Chairman Responsibilities

Ms. Wainright was not in attendance

5. Michaela Sanders- Transparency, Integrity & Financials

Ms. Sanders discussed concerns regarding the Hortense Volunteer Fire Department's lack of funding and limited availability of necessary equipment. She requested additional support and resources for the department. Ms. Sanders also addressed concerns regarding website accuracy and accountability.

6. Tina Graham- Zoning

Ms. Graham was not in attendance

7. Tanya Tomanek- Employee Handbook

Ms. Tomanek addressed the Board regarding concerns about the codification of ordinances, the accuracy of meeting agendas, and information published in local newspapers. She also addressed the Chairman regarding the conduct of Board meetings.

During her public comment period, Ms. Tomanek was directed to leave the meeting for noncompliance with the Board's decorum policy. After she did not leave as directed, law enforcement intervened, placed Ms. Tomanek under arrest, and escorted her from the building.

The meeting was declared out of order. The County Attorney advised the Chair to call the meeting back to order. The Chair then called the meeting back to order, and the public comment period resumed with the remaining speakers.

8. Mathew McGrath- Life in Brantley County

Mr. McGrath addressed the Board regarding allegations and rumors he stated he had heard. He made statements concerning potential legal consequences involving the County Manager and advised the Board to "get their affairs in order." He further stated that a petition was being circulated to recall three of the five Commissioners. Mr. McGrath was advised that he was in violation of the Board's decorum policy and left the meeting abruptly.

9. Ruby Thomas- Data Centers

Ms. Thomas addressed the Board, encouraging members to obey the Lord. She also spoke about the importance of informing neighbors of approaching storms and expressed concerns regarding the nation's moral direction.

10. Robert Wilson- Data Center Ordinance

Mr. Wilson discussed proposed revisions to the closed-loop provisions of the Data Center draft ordinance. He also raised questions regarding the security measures that would be implemented and expressed concerns about potential environmental impacts, including possible effects on wildlife and fish.

11. Scott Schmitt- Rumors & Misinformation

Mr. Schmitt addressed an earlier comment regarding the absence of fire hydrants outside the City of Nahunta, stating that fire hydrants are present and identifying their locations. He also expressed concern about misinformation being circulated within the community.

Open Public Participation: *Agenda Items Only*

No one spoke.

AGENDA

1. Re-appointment of Hope Smith, Vicky Rehberg, Joan Sweat, Sissy Baxley and Frank Bullard- Library Board

Consent Agenda

2. Appointment of Whitney Schrack- Animal Control Board

The Board agreed to table this item until they receive applications for all positions.

3. Consideration to approve Variance for property located at 6968 Central Avenue for the purpose of A community Snack Bar

County Manager explained all criteria have been met; the building is in place and has been used for this purpose in the past. The Planning Commission made a recommendation for approval. Regular Agenda

4. Resolution to adopt 2026 Joint Comprehensive Plan

County Manager stated that Department of Community Affairs has approved this. Regular Agenda

After the public participation period had concluded and no one spoke regarding agenda items, Chairman Harris allowed Ms. Lilly Fulk to address the Board. She commented on the previous public hearing regarding the planned development and Light Industrial/Heavy Industrial zoning, questioned agenda purchases and County funding priorities, and expressed concerns regarding the purchase of Flock cameras and the agenda process.

5. 2026 GTIB Loan & Grant Award- Airport

The County Manager explained that the loan amount is $450,000.00 and could be repaid using TPLOST funds. He also stated that the grant amount is

$150,000.00. Passero Engineering has projected that these funds will cover the construction of 10 T-hangars. The County is currently working with GDOT Aviation to secure funding for the second hangar pad, and approval is anticipated within the next 60 days. Regular Agenda

6. Consideration to purchase new F-150- Sheriff Dept

The County Manager stated that this item is for the replacement of a Sheriff's deputy vehicle that was declared a total loss following an accident. He explained that the insurance proceeds will cover the majority of the replacement cost, with the remaining balance to be paid from the Sheriff's Department budget. Regular Agenda

7. Consideration of Axon Purchasing Agreement- Sheriff Dept

The County Manager stated this will replace and upgrade current tasers, for a cost of $228,453.00 over a 5-year period. Regular Agenda

8. Replacement of A/C unit- HeadStart Building

The County Manager stated that this is for a 6-ton unit to replace an old 7-ton unit. The County Manager made the recommendation to accept Harper Heating & Air's Quote for a total price of $12,000.00. Regular Agenda

9. Consideration to purchase multiple tools & equipment- Road Dept

The County Manager stated these tools and equipment include a plasma cutter, welder, generator, pump, and pressure washer with warranties for the cost of $11,590.00. Regular Agenda

10. Consideration to purchase new metal building- Rec Dept

The County Manager stated that the project will consist of an addition to the existing maintenance building at the Recreation Department. The addition will extend the building by approximately 20 feet on each end. Regular Agenda

11. Consideration to purchase new SCAG mower- Road Dept

The County Manager stated this was for a new SCAG Tiger Cat mower, 38 hp Kawasaki with 61" deck and made the recommendation to go with the quote from Taits Lawn Products for $13,599.00. Regular Agenda

12. Consideration to purchase new radios- Waynesville VFD

The County Manager stated that this is for 15 new portable radios that will meet the code for the new Leonardo system from Monroe Communications for $27,203.25. Regular Agenda

13. Consideration to purchase new turnout gear- Waynesville VFD

The County Manager recommended this be tabled until the Thursday regular meeting due to lack of all quotes being submitted.

14. Consideration to purchase electric stair chair- EMS

The County Manager stated that the purpose of the chair is to enhance the safety of both patients and EMS personnel during the transport of patients down stairways. He noted that Mr. Wilson, EMS Director, was present to answer any questions from the Board. No questions were asked. The stair chair will be coming from Stryker for the amount of $10,872.35. Regular Agenda

14A. Consideration of quotes for electricity in new warehouse building- Rec Dept

The County Manager stated that this item is for the electrical work associated with the new large storage building at the Recreation Department. Quotes were received, and Cason recommended awarding the project to Arrowhead Electric for the amount of $30,500.00. Regular Agenda

14B. Consideration of road contractors for the resurfacing of Central Ave.

The County Manager stated that bids were received for the Central Avenue resurfacing project and recommended awarding the contract to Scruggs Company as the road contractor. The total contract amount is $979,585.74. Approximately $912,000.00 will be funded through LRA GDOT funds, with the remaining balance serving as the required local match and being paid from the Road Department SPLOST funds. Regular Agenda

15. County Manager Report

The County Manager recognized Mr. Angel with the Small Business Administration (SBA), who was present to provide an update on assistance available to fire victims. Mr. Angel gave a brief overview of the services offered by the SBA, including home loan eligibility, points of contact, and the application process for those seeking assistance.

The County Manager also provided an update on the county's fire recovery efforts. He reported that Family Connections has collected approximately $358,000 in donations to support recovery initiatives. Resources continue to be provided to affected residents, including the placement of campers for displaced victims through the assistance of various organizations. Victims' needs continue to be addressed as they are identified.

Additionally, the County Manager reported that the County's 2025 audit has been completed with no findings. He also announced that the budget calendar has been established, and budget meetings will begin in the coming weeks.

16. Executive Session- personnel, Legal and Real Estate

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reconvening after the Closed Session, Commissioner Riggins made a motion to affirm matters discussed in Closed Session which was Legal, personnel & Real Estate and directed the Chairman to sign the affidavit required by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Harris stated that information was received and no action taken.

17. Adjournment

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned in regular order at approximately 7:52 pm

Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:

Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAL BRANTLEY CO., GA

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
July 9, 2026
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on July 9, 2026, 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman, Chris Harris, Board Members, Andy Riggins, Randy Davison, Hal Herndon, and Brian Hendrix. Also present was Joey Cason, County Manager.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order; pastor Beal gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to accept the June 2026 Minutes. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

The County Manager made a recommendation for the board to amend the agenda to add the following item:

14A. Consideration to approve the payment to ACCG for annual Insurance payment.

14B. Consideration to Convey Satilla Plantation property to Brantley County Development Authority.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional changes. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Re-appointment of Hope Smith, Vicky Rehberg, Joan Sweat, Sissy Baxley and Frank Bullard- Library Board

2. Board Appointment of Brent Justice -Brantley County Development Authority

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the Consent agenda. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

AGENDA

1. Consideration to approve Variance for property located at 6968 Central Avenue for the purpose of A community Snack Bar

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve a variance for property located at 6968 Central Avenue for the purpose of A community Snack Bar. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

2. Consideration to adopt Resolution for 2026 Joint Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to adopt the 2026 Joint Comprehensive Plan as requested by South Georgia Regional Commission. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

3. 2026 GTIB Loan & Grant Award- Airport

Commissioner Davison made a motion to accept the 2026 GTIB Loan & Grant Award for a total of $600,000. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. Consideration to purchase new F-150- Sheriff Dept

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the purchase of a new F-150- from Cordele Ford for the Sheriff's Department for a total of $47,400.00. This is to be paid from Insurance Proceeds and the Sheriff's Department budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

5. Consideration of Axon Purchasing Agreement- Sheriff Dept

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve the purchase of new Tasers from Axon for a cost of $228,453.00 over a 5-year period to be paid out of their current budget. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

6. Replacement of A/C unit- HeadStart Building

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve Replacement of A/C unit- HeadStart Building from Harper Heating & Air for $12,000, to be paid out of the Capital Improvement budget. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

7. Consideration to purchase multiple tools & equipment- Road Dept

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase multiple tools & equipment from AMP Power for the Road Department for a Total cost of $11,590 00 to be paid for the Road Department budget. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

8. Consideration to purchase new metal building- Rec Dept

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase a metal building extension for the Recreation Department for a total of $11,789.00 from Keens Buildings to be paid for out of SPLOST. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

9. Consideration to purchase new SCAG mower- Road Dept

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase a new SCAG Tiger Cat mower, 38 hp Kawasaki with 61" deck from Taits Lawn Products for $13,599.00 to be paid out of the Road Department SPLOST. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

10. Consideration to purchase new radios- Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to purchase 15 new radios and equipment for Waynesville VFD from Monroe Communications for a total of $27,203.25 and is to paid from the Department Budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

11. Consideration to purchase new turn-out gear- Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the purchase of new turn-out gear for Waynesville VFD in the amount of $43,065.00 and to be paid from their budget. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

12. Consideration to purchase electric stair chair- EMS

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to purchase an electric stair chair for EMS from Stryker for $10,872.35 to be paid from Capital budget. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

13. Consideration of quotes for electricity in new warehouse building- Rec Dept

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve Arrowhead Electric for the electrical installation in the new building at the Recreation Department for $30,500.00. This is to be paid from SPLOST. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

14. Consideration of road contractors for the resurfacing of Central Ave.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve Scruggs Company as the road Contractor to begin the resurfacing Project on Central Avenue. For a total of $978,585.74 to be paid from LRA GDOT Funds. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

14A. Consideration to approve the payment to ACCG for annual Insurance payment.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve payment to ACCG for annual Insurance payment for a total of $331,145.00 to be paid out of annual budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

14B. Consideration to Convey Satilla Plantation property to Brantley County Development Authority.

Commissioner Davison made a motion to Convey Satilla Plantation property to Brantley County Development Authority. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

15. Adjournment

Commissioner Davison made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned in regular order at approximately 6:12 pm.

Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk

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